

The Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 94-304, as amended by Public Law 909-7, appoints the following Senators to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:

The Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD)

The Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM)

The Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD), and

The Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON).

DISCHARGE AND REFERRAL OF S. 145

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veteran's Affairs be discharged from further consideration of S. 145 and that the bill be referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2001

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 25. I further ask unanimous consent that on Thursday immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed ex-

pired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the majority leader be immediately recognized to offer for the RECORD the majority party's committee assignments for the 107th Congress; following that action, a brief statement by Senator BIDEN and Senator ALLEN for not to exceed 10 minutes each, with the Senate to then automatically stand in adjournment until 12 noon on Monday, January 29, 2001.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. I further ask unanimous consent that on Monday immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and there be a period for the transaction of morning business until 2 p.m. with the first hour under the control of the Democratic leader or his designee and the hour from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. under the control of the Republican leader or his designee.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. On Monday, at 2 p.m., the Senate will begin debate on the nomination of Gale Norton to be Secretary of the Interior. Tuesday morning, the Senate will conduct debate on the nomination of Elaine Chao to be Secretary of Labor and Governor

Whitman to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

As a reminder to all Senators, the next rollcall votes will occur on Tuesday, January 30, beginning at 2:45 p.m. in a back-to-back sequence. Following those back-to-back votes, the Senate will then begin debate on the nomination of Senator Ashcroft to be Attorney General of the United States.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 3:41 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, January 25, 2001, at 11:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate January 24, 2001:

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

NORMAN Y. MINETA, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate January 24, 2001:

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

TOMMY G. THOMPSON, OF WISCONSIN, TO BE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

NORMAN Y. MINETA, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION.